

Interim Hearings – Week of June 27, 2022

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Senate Committee on [Border Security](#)

Topic: Review border security appropriations and their directed purposes. Invited testimony from the following:

- Office of the Attorney General
- Texas Division of Emergency Management
- Texas Facilities Commission

[Border Security: Appropriations and Reporting Requirements](#) (Presented to House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee), Legislative Budget Board, May 2022

Senate Committee on [Health & Human Services](#)

Charge: Public Health Data: Review the processes for public health data collection and coordination by local and state entities as well as regional trauma centers. Identify any continuing barriers to the real-time dissemination of data concerning health care facility capacity-including data that can expedite timely care-and morbidity rates, as well as other information that can assist in public policy decisions.

- [Pew Proposes Steps to Strengthen the Country's Response to Future Health Crises \(Recommendations Related to Public Health Data\)](#), Pew Charitable Trusts, March 11, 2022

- [Barriers to Dissemination of Local Health Data Faced by US State Agencies: Survey Study of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Coordinators](#), Journal of Medical Internet Research, July 13, 2021
- [Assessment of Epidemiology Capacity in State Health Departments — United States, 2021](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, April 1, 2021
- [Texas Health Care Information Collection \(THCIC\)](#), Texas Department of State Health Services

Charge: Pandemic Response: Examine the impact of state and federal pandemic policies-including agency guidance, licensing and regulatory actions, and health care industry policies-on patient care and treatment delivery. Examine how regulatory guidance impacts the patient-doctor relationship. Recommend any changes needed to ensure Texas can develop its own data-driven guidance during public health emergencies.

- [State Action on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, June 20, 2022
- [COVID Relief Provisions Stabilized Health Coverage, Improved Access and Affordability](#), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, March 10, 2022
- [Compact for Care: Texas Joins Interstate Agreement for Out-of-State Licensure](#), Texas Medical Association, last updated on January 25, 2022
- [COVID-19: State Health Actions](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, September 27, 2021
- [COVID-19 Health Policy Snapshots](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, March 1, 2021
- [Telehealth After COVID-19: Clarifying Policy Goals for a Way Forward](#), RAND Corporation, January 2021

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House Committee on [Human Services](#)

Charge: Examine the long-term services and support system of care in Texas. Study workforce challenges for both institutional and community services. Assess opportunities to improve patient safety at senior living facilities. Consider mechanisms to promote a stable, sustainable, and quality-based long-term care system to address current and future needs of the state.

- [Long-term Care Funding](#) (Presented to Senate Committee on Finance), Legislative Budget Board, June 2022
- [Nursing Facility Staffing Shortages During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), Kaiser Family Foundation, April 4, 2022
- [Protecting Seniors by Improving Safety and Quality of Care in the Nation's Nursing Homes](#), The White House, February 28, 2022

- [Employer Nurse Staffing Studies Archive \(Long Term Care\)](#), Texas Department of State Health Services, last updated March 4, 2021
- [Long-term Care Providers](#), Texas Health and Human Services
- [Evidence-based Best Practices](#), Texas Health and Human Services
- [AHRO's Quality & Patient Safety Programs by Setting: Long-Term Care](#), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Charge: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including:

- [HB 3041](#), related to the implementation of the Family Preservation Services Pilot Program.

Charge: Monitor the current status of the state hospital system, including the forensic bed waitlist.

- [Semi-Annual Reporting of Waiting Lists for Mental Health Services](#), As Required by 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (Article II, HHSC, [Rider 50](#)), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, November 2021
- [Semi-Annual Reporting of Waiting Lists for Mental Health Services](#), As Required by 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, [Rider 58](#)), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, April 2021
- [Addendum: A Comprehensive Plan for State-Funded Inpatient Mental Health Services](#), In Response to S.B. 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, [Rider 147](#)), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, January 2021
- [State Hospital Bed-Day Allocation Methodology and Utilization Review Protocol for Fiscal Year 2020](#), As Required by Health and Safety Code Section 533.0515(e), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, December 2020

Senate Committee on [Finance](#)

Charge: Mental Health Delivery: Examine the state mental health service delivery system. Study the state's [Comprehensive Plan for State-Funded Inpatient Mental Health Services](#) and the [Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan](#) and evaluate the existing state investments in mental health services and state hospital capacity. Review current forensic and civil mental health service waitlists, and recommend ways to improve coordination and outcomes to reduce waitlists. Explore and report on options for additional mental health service capacity, including building state hospitals in the Panhandle and Rio Grande Valley areas.

- [Texas Statewide Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Strategic Plan](#),

Texas Health and Human Services, January 13, 2022

- [HHS System Annual Federal Funds Report for State Fiscal Year 2021](#), Texas Health and Human Services, December 16, 2021
- [Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan: Progress Report](#), Texas Health and Human Services, December 7, 2021
- [Semi-Annual Reporting of Waiting Lists for Mental Health Services](#), As Required by 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act, Senate Bill 1, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (Article II, HHSC, [Rider 50](#)), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, November 2021
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- [Addendum: A Comprehensive Plan for State-Funded Inpatient Mental Health Services](#), In Response to S.B. 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, [Rider 147](#)), Texas Health and Human Services, January 2021
- [All Texas Access Report](#), Texas Health and Human Services, revised January 2021
- [Texas Statewide Behavioral Health, Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021: Strategic Plan Update and the Foundation for the IDD Strategic Plan](#), As Required by the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act, H.B. 1, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015 (Article IX, [Section 10.04](#)), Texas Health and Human Services, February 2019
- [A Comprehensive Plan for State-Funded Inpatient Mental Health Services](#), As Required by S.B. 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, [Rider 221](#)), Texas Health and Human Services, August 2017

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Senate Committee on [Business & Commerce](#)

Charge: Broadband and Telecommunications: Study broadband and other telecommunications related issues impacting Texans, including:

- Monitoring the implementation of [House Bill 5](#) and [House Bill 1505](#), 87th Legislature; discuss anticipated federal infrastructure funding dedicated to broadband initiatives;
- [Texas Broadband Plan](#), Texas Broadband Development Office, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, June 15, 2022
- [NTIA IJA Broadband Programs: Overview for State and Local Governments and State Preparation for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Broadband Grant Programs](#), National Telecommunications and Information Administration, January 2022

- [A Guidebook to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments, and Other Partners \(Broadband\)](#), The White House, January 31, 2022
- [Funding Resources](#), Texas Broadband Development Office
- [Grants](#), National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- [Legislation](#), Texas Broadband Development Office
- Reviewing the Texas Universal Service Fund and reporting what, if any, changes should be made through a review of both the fund's contributions and disbursements, as well as the impact of technology on the long-term stability of the Texas Universal Service Fund; and
 - [Filings for 53140: Review of Texas Universal Service Fund](#), PUC Interchange Filer, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 2022
 - [Internet and Phone Services in Rural Texas Threatened as State Slashes Subsidies for Providers](#), Texas Tribune, January 25, 2021
 - [2020 Texas Report \(Texas Universal Service Fund\)](#), Governor's Broadband Development Council, November 2020
 - [Letter to Texas Representatives re: Financial Shortfall of the Texas Universal Service Fund](#), Public Utility Commission of Texas, November 9, 2020
 - [Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature: Review and Evaluation of the Texas Universal Service Fund Pursuant to Senate Bill 980](#), 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, Public Utility Commission of Texas, November 1, 2012
- Monitoring the implementation of [House Bill 2911](#), 87th Legislature, relating to next generation 9-1-1 service and the establishment of a next generation 9-1-1 service fund.

Charge: Electricity: Study issues impacting the Texas electric grid, including weather preparedness and the natural gas supply chain. Evaluate potential benefits of real-time transparency of the intrastate gas market with respect to the functions of ERCOT and the Texas Energy Reliability Council.

- [Severe Cold Weather Events & Critical Infrastructure in Texas](#) (Links to resources on the response of ERCOT, the PUC, and other state and federal agencies), Legislative Reference Library, February 17, 2022
- [Mapping Report](#), Texas Electricity Supply Chain Security and Mapping Committee, January 2022
- [ERCOT's Final Report on Winter Weather Readiness Inspections](#) (Public Utility Commission of Texas, Filings for [52786](#) and [52787](#)), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), January 18, 2022
- [Report on Existing and Potential Electric System Constraints and Needs \(Planned Improvements\)](#), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), December 2021